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TO: Deans and Directors of Teacher Education Programs and
College/University Credential Counselors and Analysts

FROM: Peter L. LoPresti, Executive Secretary *[Signature]*

SUBJECT: Individuals Who Made Scores on the November 1979 National
Teachers Examination that met the Commission's 9-1-74 to
7-31-79 Passing Score Standards

Several weeks ago members of the Licensing Staff called the Credential Counselors/Analysts of each higher education institution with an approved program to determine the number of individuals who made scores on the November 1979 National Teachers Examination that met the Commission's previous (9-1-74 to 7-31-79) Passing Score Standards. You will recall that it has been the Commission's policy to review the Examination Passing Score Standards each year and revise them on the basis of In-state Examination Scores during the previous year. As indicated on page 3, the Passing Score Standards were increased for two sections of the Commons Examination and increased for a number of the single subject examinations.

Information regarding the Passing Score Standards for 8-1-79 to 7-31-80 was sent in my coded correspondence 79-8032, dated December 10, 1979. There were a number of reasons why communication to the field regarding the new Passing Score Standards were delayed. Prior to your receipt of my December 10 coded correspondence, there were a number of situations where candidates were led to believe that the Passing Score Standards would not be changed. It just happened to be one of those situations in which there were errors on both sides with the candidate in the middle. It was because of this situation and a concern that candidates not be adversely affected that the Commission directed staff to phone the IHE's to determine the number of individuals involved.

A summary of the phone contacts with each IHE follows:

1. Seventeen institutions (out of 65) reported that one or more individuals had made scores on the November 1979 NTE that met the previous passing score standards.
2. A total of 43 individuals were reported as achieving scores on the November 1979 NTE that met previous passing score standards.

3. The 43 individuals were identified as falling within one of four populations:

- (a) Twenty-seven (27) individuals who are enrolled in the institution's program and due to graduate in June or August 1980;
- (b) Seven (7) individuals who have completed the institution's program and will be recommended upon passing the NTE;
- (c) Two (2) individuals who have a one year preliminary credential that has or will expire;
- (d) Seven (7) individuals in an "Other" category (includes one individual who took the exam to add an authorization; five individuals whose population status is unknown; and one individual who dropped out of the institution's program).

Based on the above information, the Commission approved the following motion at their March meeting:

"M/S/C (Salley/Jimenez) to recommend for the Sub committee that those individuals who took the November 1979 NTE and attained scores that met the passing score standards for the period September 1, 1974 to July 31, 1979 and would either have been recommended by the institution for the credential upon successful completion of the NTE, or who held a one year preliminary credential and would have met requirements for a four year extension of that credential upon successful completion of the NTE, be deemed to have met passing score standards."

Staff has contacted the institutions that have reported individuals in categories 3(b), 3(c) and 3(d). If you know of others, please do one of the following: (1) recommend for the appropriate credential; or (2) advise them to apply directly for the four year extension of their one year preliminary. In either case, the application should be sent to the attention of Mr. Sanford L. Huddy.

The help our staff received from the Credential Counselors/Analysts was just superb and very much appreciated.

PASSING SCORE STANDARDS

EXAMINATION

Sept. 1, '74-
July 31, '79

Aug. 1, '79-
July 31, '80

Common Examinations (candidate must pass in each section)

Written English Expression	60 *	61 +
Social Science, Literature & Fine Arts	60 *	63 +
Science & Mathematics	62 *	62 +

Single Subject Examinations

Agriculture (Formula Score)	75 *	75 0
Art Education	622 *	630 +
Biology & General Science	676 *	680 decode
Business Education	629 *	640 +
Chemistry, Physics, & General Science	628 *	630 decode
English Language & Literature	618 *	620 decode
French	613 *	670 +
German	631 *	630 decode
Home Economics Education	647 *	650 decode
Industrial Arts Education	626 *	630 decode
Mathematics	632 *	670 +
Music Education	616 *	630 +
Physical Education (Feb. '76 to present)	623 *	640 +
Social Studies	627 *	630 decode
Spanish	636 *	650 +
Educational Administration & Supervision (Jan. 1, '77 to present)	673 **	
Reading Specialist/Miller-Unruh	560 **	630 +
Introduction to the Teaching of Reading	680 **	680 Same
College-Level Examination Program - English Composition with Essay		
English Majors Only		680
All Others		630

* No score appeal possible for the February 1979 and subsequent examinations.

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NOTE: A new appeal system became effective February 1979.

SCORES REMAIN VALID FOR TWO YEARS FOLLOWING THE DATE OF THE EXAMINATION ON WHICH THE SCORE WAS RECEIVED.